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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, EFIN, CS

SUBJ: VESCO CASE: ANOTHER PRESS

INTERVIEW

Z1. IN HIS CONTINUING CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE  
HIS IMAGE, ROBERT VESCO YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 2)  
MADE A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTORS OF PRENSA  
LIBRE. THE PAPER'S OCTOBER 3 ISSUE PUBLISHED  
AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. THE PRINCIPAL POINTS  
IN THE INTERVIEW WERE:

A) VESCO SAID THAT ALL THE CHARGES AGAINST  
HIM IN THE US WERE "UNFOUNDED" AND THAT NO PROOF  
EXISTED. QUOTE I EXPECT THAT SHORTLY THERE  
WILL BE ANOTHER REQUEST FOR MY EXTRADITION;  
BUT I REPEAT THAT THE CHARGES ARE WITHOUT  
FOUNDATION; THEY CAN'T PROVE A THING UNQXOUOTE.

B) HE LABELED WATERGATE AN EFFORT  
TO "OVERTHROW" PRESIDENT NIXON. SINCE  
MILITARY GOLPES ARE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE  
US, HE SAID, POLITICIANS ARE TRYING TO  
USE A "CIVILIAN MEANS" TO OVERTHROW THE  
PRESIDENT.

C) ASKED IF HE HAD CONTRIBUTED TO  
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POLITICAL PARTIES HERE, HE SAID, NO, BUT

HE DI NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT.  
IF HE DOES, HE SAID, HE WOULD DO IT FOR ALL  
PARTIES.

D) ASKED ABOUT HIS INVESTMENT IN  
COSTA RICA, HE SAID QUOTE I DO NOT HAVE  
A FIXED LINE OF INVESTMENTS HERE: THE MAJOR  
PART WHICH I HAVE AT PRESENT IS IN GOVERNMENT  
BONDS; THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE ARE NOT  
OTHERS (TYPES OF INVESTMENTS). WE HAVE SMALL  
AND BIG INVESTMENT IN MANY COMPANIES. WE  
PREFER THE LEVELS OF 100,000 COLONES DOWN-  
WARD UNQUOTE.

E) ASKED IF HE WAS A COSTA RICAN  
CITIZEN, HE SAID, NO. HE ALSO DENIED  
HAVING ANY CONNECTION WITH CLOVIS MCALPIN,  
VAKY

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